

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Steve Martin, Treasurer
Nevada State Republican Central
Committee
528 Decatur Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89107

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Identification Number:

C00082925

Reference:

30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/00-11/27/00)

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Line 28(a) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$0 in refunds of contributions to individuals/persons other than political committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$57,952. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-A review of the reports filed by your committee (pertinent portion(s) attached) indicates that your committee received a transfer(s) from the Ohio State Republican Party' which has not been disclosed on their report(s) of receipts and disbursements. Please provide clarifying information regarding the source of the transfer(s) received by your committee.

-Schedule B supporting Line 28(a) discloses a refund made to the NonFed National Republican; however, it appears that the receipt of this contribution has not been reported by your committee. Please provide the original date of receipt of the contribution. In addition, you must amend the report covering the period during which the contribution was received to disclose the receipt on Schedule A supporting the appropriate line of the

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Detailed Summary Page. 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1)

The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$989,413.35 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$806,517.80 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedules H2 and H4 disclose 100% non-federal activity. Please be advised that by definition, this activity does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. This activity should be itemized on a Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for any portion of this activity is not permissible and must be returned. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "GOTV". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-You have made disbursements for voter id which you have characterized as exempt activities. In order for an activity to be classified as exempt, it must meet the following conditions: (1) For slate cards and sample ballots: it names at least three candidates running for election to any public office, it is not distributed through public political advertising (including broadcast media, newspapers, magazines, and billboards), the content is limited to the

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identification of each candidate, the office or position currently held, the office sought and party affiliation, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (2) For campaign materials: the activity is conducted on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election, the materials are distributed by volunteers--not through public political advertising, the party committee does not use materials purchased by the national party committee or money transferred from the national committee to purchase materials, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, a payment from a non-federal campaign to help pay for the materials does not exceed its allocated share of the expenses, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (3) For voter drives: the activity is on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, the activity does not involve the use of public political advertising such as television, radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards or direct mail, phone banks are operated by volunteers (although paid professionals may design the system, develop calling instructions and train supervisors), the party committee does not use funds transferred by the national party committee for voter drive activities, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, and the cost allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds.

If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above, and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, this amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate. Please provide the Commission with a more detailed explanation of these activities.

Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) reflects payments for exempt activity. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity

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must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

*Schedule A supporting Line 16 of your report discloses a receipt from a federal candidate for "Primary & General" (pertinent portion attached). However, you do not specify the amounts which should be attributed to each respective election. Please amend your report to provide clarifying information.

•Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Refunds of contributions to political party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 28(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Alice Kang

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